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1. SUMMARY. TWO TOPICS APPEAR TO HAVE DOMINATED THE TALKS HELD BY TITO, MINIC, PALME, ANDERSSON AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE COURSE OF TITO'S FIRST-EVER VISIT TO STOCKHOLM MARCH 29-APRIL 1: AMONG MULTILATERAL TOPICS, THE ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE YUGOSLAV AND SWEDISH RELATIONSHIPS THERETO; AMONG BILATERAL TOPICS, THE SITUATION OF THE 40,000 YUGOSLAV WORKERS IN SWEDEN, THE LARGEST FOREIGN IMMIGRANT GROUP AFTER THE FINNS. THESE AND OTHER TOPICS WERE IDENTIFIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 31. THIS CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE USUALLY PREFERRED BY THE YUGOSLAVS. END SUMMARY
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2. MINIC INDICATED THAT THE TALKS COVERED, AMONG OTHER TOPICS:

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES:

--ROLE OF SWEDEN VIS-A-VIS THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC AND THE COLOMBO MEETING IN AUGUST 1976;

--CSCE FOLLOW-UP AND THE BELGRADE MEETING IN 1977;

--EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA;

--YUGOSLAV STABILITY AFTER TITO;

--TITO'S TRAVELS IN LATIN AMERICA;

--RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND PALME'S

UPCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW APRIL 5;

--DISARMAMENT.

BILATERAL ISSUES:

--FAVORABLE EVOLUTION OF SWEDISH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS;

--SOCIAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF YUGOSLAV IMMIGRANTS;

--CONTROL OVER YUGOSLAV EMIGRE EXTREMIST GROUPS;

--DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE.

3. NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. MINIC TOLD PRESS THAT THE THREE COUNTRIES IN EUROPE THAT CAN BUILD BRIDGES TO THE THIRD WORLD ARE YUGOSLAVIA, SWEDEN AND FRANCE. YUGOSLAVIA WOULD GLADLY SEE SWEDEN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND SWEDEN WILL TAKE PART IN THE COLOMBO MEETING AT LEAST WITH SO-CALLED "INVITED GUEST" STATUS. SWEDEN MIGHT EVEN ACCEDE TO NEXT HIGHER STATUS, "OBSERVER STATUS," BUT YUGOSLAVIA UNDERSTANDS THAT SWEDEN DOES NOT WANT TO JOIN ANY BLOC. (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO PRESS, SWEDEN WILL BE REPRESENTED AT COLOMBO BY MINISTER OF TRADE CARL LIDBOM.)

4. YUGOSLAV STABILITY. ASKED WHETHER YUGOSLAVIA HAD ENEMIES IN EUROPE, MINIC REPLIED THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS FORCES THAT DON'T LIKE YUGOSLAVIA; SOME SEEK TO CHANGE THE YUGOSLAV SYSTEM; OTHERS DON'T WANT YUGOSLAVIA TO EXIST AT ALL. SOME DON'T WANT YUGOSLAVIA TO BE SOCIALIST, WHILE OTHERS WANT TO MAKE CHANGES IN YUGOSLAV SOCIALISM. BUT YUGOSLAVIA HAS RESISTED ALL SUCH EFFORTS AND PROTECTS ITS INDEPENDENCE.

5. NEXT STEPS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. MINIC SAID THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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KING CARL GUSTAF AND SWEDEN'S QUEEN-TO-BE SILVIA SOMMERLATH HAD BEEN INVITED TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AND HAD ACCEPTED, DATES TO BE DETERMINED. SWEDISH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS CAN NOW BE CONSIDERED BACK TO NORMAL AFTER TROUBLES RESULTING FROM THE MURDER OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR ROLOVIC IN STOCKHOLM IN APRIL 1971. (COMMENT: THE CONVICTED MURDERERS WERE TURNED OVER TO CROATIAN HIJACKERS AND ESCAPED TO SPAIN IN SEPTEMBER 1972 AND

LATER TO PARAGUAY.)

6. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF YUGOSLAV IMMIGRANTS
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